News from Various Divisions --- Election of Officers, etc.

NEW CAMP ORGANIZED. Fifty-two Charter Members Mustered at

Brooks, Me. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: During the month of March Clark Camp, 43, Belfast, put forth every effort to start a new Camp of Sons of Veteraus in the town of Brooks, which is on the M. C. R. R. line. Late in the month we were rewarded by receiving the application, which they returned to us with 52 names, applying for a charter. On the receipt of this the members of A. E. Clark Camp, 43, began preparations for a trip to Brooks, where the new Camp was to be started. Division Commander L. L. Cooper was very prompt in returning the application, and appointed Friday night, April 2, as the evening on which the new Camp was to be organized. The day was a beautiful one, most pleasing to the boys. Promptly at 3 o'clock a "Micardo," drawn by four horses, was stopped before the entrance to our rooms, and the boys, in regulation uniform, crowded in with flags, guus, degree implements, etc. The bugle call was sounded and the hap-

py crowd was off on a 12-mile ride. Division Commander L. L. Cooper, of Augusta; Senior Vice Commander A. M. Soule, of Portland, and Assistant Inspector Alfred R. Hall, of Oakland, were met at the train. After candidates' degree work was commenced. The recruits were thoroughly interested.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Division Commander L. L. Cooper in a very pleasing manner. The officers elected were: Capt., Dr. A. B. Cook; First Lieut., Charles A. Hobbs; Second Lieut., Percey Cilley; Chap., E. L. Bartlett; First Serg't, Lorenzo D. Jones, jr. Capt. A. D. Bean Camp, 55, was the name and number given the new organization.

The brethren of Belfast Camp feel quite jubilant over the work they have done, and are planning many visits to the new Camp in the future. - ORRIN T. DICKEY, Quartermaster Sergeant, A. E. Clark Camp, 43, Belfast, Me.

J. HOWARD HEINE.

Nebraska Member of the Council-in-Chief, J. Howard Heine, the well-known Nebraska brother who was chosen a member of the Council-in-Chief at the Louisville Encampment, is a member of Admiral Porter Camp, 119, Hooper, Neb. He was born in Philadelphia, but in 1882 went West and located at Hooper, where he has since resided.



When Admiral Porter Camp was organized Brother Heine was a charter member. At the Division Encampment held in Albion in February, 1896, he was elected a delegate to the National Encampment. He took an active part in the proceedings of the Louisville meeting. and was rewarded by being elected a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Brother Heine is the son of John F. Heine, Co. D. 198th Pa., a well-known Grand Army man, who served on the staff of Commander-in-

CARPENTER CAMP.

Great Success Attained in One Year by Iowa

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: C. C. Carpenter Camp, 58, Division of Iowa, Fort Dodge, was charge of the secret work at Clear Lake Encampment. Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12, we held special exercises in the Opera House, and by Mr. Lincoln as a curious fact. in the evening a banquet at the armory, where we served supper to 1,000 people. This was a meeting of Midland Association, S. of V. of different Camps in the State.

Our Camp has been selected by the State team at the State Encampment, which will be held June 9 and 10 at Marshalltown. Our meetings are held every Thursday evening of each week; ritual work, U. S. regulation drill, delating and reading of history takes up our time while in Camp. The boys are all uni-

We owe a great deal of our success to Col. Al States are joining with us to elect him to this men." high position. Pass this along, brothers, and assist us in electing one of Iowa's brightest orators, and a broad-minded young man of the day .- CAPT. A. B. HANCOCK, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

THE DIVISIONS.

MASSACHUSETTS. other evening, with delegations present from Cook and Adjutant Howard and Past Colonel Bolton made short addresses.

Albert E. Martin Camp, of Lockland, has been very successful in recruiting. At its last meeting the third degree was worked on two great, and the whole affair very funny, so that we were all convulsed with laughter. candidates, and the first degree on one. Two grees at the next meeting.

rifles expect to attend the Grant Memorial ex- | the fact that 400 was the number of David's ercises in New York, April 27. If Gov. Chas. | contingent in the cave, and that he called Warren Lippitt takes a provisional regiment, as contemplated, the company will be allowed the privilege of going on the special steamer, which will save considerable expense, and make things more agreeable. Col. Chas. W. this issue by the American Nation Co. The Abbot, jr., Division Commander, will accom- sum of \$500 will be paid to the person who pany the Governor as a member of his staff. makes the largest list of words out of the one Lieut.-Col. Walter R. Williams and Division big word ENCYCLOPÆDIA. There are also staff will, with Co. A as escort, represent the | hundreds of other grand prizes for all who Rhode Island Division. All of the staff have | send lists. It is certainly one of the greatest signified their intention of going.

Considerable activity is noticeable at present field, Westerly, and one or two other places. There is a movement on foot to organize a firstclass military Camp in the City of Providence; also to consolidate 13 and 11 with 5, thus mak ing one of the finest Camps in the State. Reports show a slight gain for last quarter,

Camp 19, Providence, and Camp 10, Woonsocket, leading in applicants mustered.

Chas, H. Fletcher's Autograph. Mr. Chas. H. Fletcher is spending thousands wrapper of the genuine Castoria bears the fac by the degenerate spirit which marks the business methods of our time. The tendency is to cheapness at all hazards. This effort leads to N. C.: Anna M. Clark, Binghamtan New Berne, Lieutenant, Co. I. 1994. Chi. imitation, adulteration, substitution, and all kinds of trickery in trade. It was not till lately that any question could arise about the famous family medicine, Castoria. There was only one; in fact, there is only one now. There to communicate with Ellen M. Walker, Wornever has been but one in the true sense. It is the Castoria which every mother knows as a familiar household remedy in her own childhood and in rearing her own babies. Now, however, on account of spurious imitations and the temptation of druggists to substitute something else for any good thing, it becomes nectrue, standard, original and only Castoria will all have on the wrapper a fac simile of Mr. Fletcher's autograph.

LINCOLN'S YARNS.

Used to Tell Them While Waiting for Dis-

The fame of Abraham Lincoln as a story teller will never fade. Any story attributed to that President or told of him is always listened to with close attention. In New York the other evening Mr. D. Homer Bates, at a banquet of the Methodist Social Union, related some interesting things about the way Lincoln would tell his stories while waiting for war dispatches. Mr. Bates when a lad of 17 was called to Washington for service in the United States Military Telegraph Corps, where he remained until after the close of the war. For the first time in the conduct of a great war the telegraph was brought into use, and this use was constant, not only between Washington and the Headquarters of the commanding Generals in the field, but also between the several corps and brigades. In the course of his remarks he said:

"All telegrams to and from the several Departments of the Government passed through the War Department telegraph office, and during those years the tall, homely form of our beloved President was seen to cross the well-shaded lawn between the War Department and the White House morning, atternoon, and evening, with ceaseless regularity, in order that he might be on hand to hear the latest news from the front.

"When a battle was imminent or in progress he would remain in the telegraph office sometimes for hours together, awaiting the supper the work of obligating and giving the news that would mean so much to the country and to himself. In the intervals of waiting he would write a message of inquiry, counsel, or encouragement to the General in command at Headquarters.

"In the intervals, also, he would tell his inevitable stories or converse on special topics in such a way as to lead some of his hearers to think him wholly indifferent to the awful questions of the hour.

"Once I recall him speaking of the functions of the eye and brain when one was reading aloud from a newspaper or book. He said that in his boyhood days he had come across a volume in which it was stated that as each letter of the alphabet appeared before the eye it was photographed upon the retina, so that the particular letter was act-ually spoken aloud at the exact moment its printed form appeared before the eye.

"He discoursed at some length on this marvel, remarking upon the attendant fact that the eye is capable of receiving several distinct impressions at the same instant, and that these numerous and oftentimes radically different impressions are immediately communicated from eye to brain by means of the most delicate nerve centers. He likened this operation to the telegraph, as not then invented.

habit of thought and analysis, which he followed more or less closely and doubtless almost anconsciously in the study of army questions brought to his notice. His logic was unerring, his homely illustrations effective and his fund of good humor proverbially

"Never once in the four years did I ever discover in him any anger or malice, nor was he ever without a definite opinion. If others disagreed with him, he sought to convince them that they were wrong rather than that he was right. I heard him say once that in trying a case in court he generally adopted that plan.

"He was well known to be a lover of and when at the telegraph office between times he spoke of Hackett freely, and on one occasion brought a copy of Shakspere with him and read aloud for an hour, myself being his only auditor.

"McClure, in his 'Early Life of Lincoln,' alludes to his intimate knowledge of Shakspere, and particularly to an interview between Lincoln, Judge Kelly, of Pennsylvania, and an actor named McDonough, during which Lincoln took from a shelf near his table a well-thumbed copy of Shakspere, and, turning to Henry IV., read with fine discrimination an extended passage which, he said, in his opinion, was not surpassed in instituted one year ago. Last June we had wit and humor by anything else in Shakspere. The omission from the acted play of the passage in question was remarked upon

"In May, 1864, the Cleveland Convention met, which nominated Fremont and Coch-Iowa. About 300 brothers were present from rane. This Convention was engineered and controlled by a number who were dissatisfied with Lincoln's conduct of the war, and Commander, H. M. Hanson, as the working who professed to believe that there was no hope for the country, save through an entire change of the policy and army leaders. One of the New York papers had a humorous editorial referring to David in the cave of disease, should resort to Dr. Pierce's Golden Adullam, and quoting from 1 Sam., 22:2-'And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one Sorter, jr., of Mason City, our Past Commander, that was discontented, gathered themselves and he will be the next Commander-in-Chief unto him, and he became a Captain over of the Sons of Veterans. A great many of the them, and there were with him about 400

"When this editorial was referred to in order that the whole context might be read. | profit. One of the attaches ran to find the copy, and soon returned with it, presenting it to the President with a profuse bow. This gentleman's reverential manner attracted the at-The Camp at Woburn held a Campfire the tention of Mr. Lincoln so that upon his departure, Mr. Lincoln arose, and, feaving the Camps in Milton, Arlington, Reading, Waltham room, returned with the open Bible in his and Wakefield, also members of G.A.R. Posts | hands, and made a mock presentation to one 161 and 33. Speeches, collation and entertain- of the comyany, mimicking the style and acment were in order. Division Commander tion of the secretary, who was short and dapper, but, in fact, very graceful. The contrast between Mr. Lincoln's tall, ungainly form and that of the secretary was very

recruits will receive the first and second de- there is an entirely different version of the the field. The Zouave company also forms Co. A. S. of V. Guards, Woonsocket, of Chas. vention was stated as 400. Nicolay and 1d 42 Hay say that Mr. Lincoln was struck with A, Sons of Veterans, and the Anderson Cadets, for a Bible to verify the number."

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GRAVEYARD

A Mississippi Pilot's Story of Lovemaking.

EARCH-LIGHT REVELATIONS

An old Mississippi River pilot tells some quaint stories about courtship in the little towns and hamlets and even the cities along the Father of Waters. "Yes," he said, "a Mississippi pilot sees more of courtship than most people imagine.



In the old days of the pine torch-light we didn't see so much. Even then, of course, we used to overlook an occasional romance on the hurricane deck when the night was dark and the young folks sat on the cabin skylights and never thought of the old pilot up in the glasshouse with windows on every side. But in those days it was nothing to what it is in these

times of the electric search-light. "You see nowadays every steamboat is equipped with a powerful search-light with which the pilot can sweep each bank of the big river. A pilot can turn it on or off by the pressure of a button, and make every nook and cranny on either shore as light as day by a twist of the wrist.

"Courting couples? The funny thing about it is that the favorite courting-place, especially in the smaller towns, appears to be in the graveyard. Why, it seems as though when a young man nowadays wants to talk to his sweetheart about love and life and happiness, he coaxes her off into some nice, quiet cemetery and sits beside her on a plump, grassy grave, with a headstone handy to strike a match on and look at the stars, and think and thrill, and given. "This reference will indicate Lincoln's thrill and think until a nasty steamboat comes chow-chow-chowing up the river, and the pilot turns on the search-light. Then they and get out their handkerchiefs and try to look as if they were mourning over some dear

"Think I'm joking? Not a bit of it. There's Quincy, Ill. There's a lovely graveyard there, It's right on top of one of the biggest bluffs that overlook the river. I don't believe that on a Summer night there's an unoccupied mound in that whole cemetery. And there are others-Burlington, Muscatine and Davenport.

"Why, it's court-court-court-and say Did you ever stop to think what a thoughtless thing this courtship is? When I turn the the same old Union lines." She reports Corps light on and see all these lives making love on the lap of Death it makes me shudder. Shakspere, and in the Winter of 1865, not | Here are young couples sitting on the graves long before his death, he went to the theater of Folly and preparing to follow in Folly's fatal a number of times to see Hackett's Falstaff, footsteps. No, I believe in marriage, but only between healthy men and women.'

Never were truer words spoken than those uttered by this old pilot philosopher. Courtship is right and the happy privilege of all both groom and bride are healthy and robust. | Corps 10, Clay Center The young woman who marries while suffering from weakness and disease of the delicate organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible does her courting in a graveyard and passes her honeymoon facing an open grave or a life of suffering.

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EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The veteran association of this regiment has its headquarters in New York City, and it is desired that every survivor enroll. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at which, after routine business, the evening is spent in pleasant reminiscences. There is a uniformed company attached to the association, which has become a feature of New York parades by reason of their wearing the identical style of "In Nicolay and Hay's History of Lincoln dress first worn by the Anderson Zonaves in cave of Adullam incident. For instance, the part of the celebrated Anderson Battalion, number of delegates in the Cleveland Con-vention was stated as 400. Nicolay and Williams Post, 394, G.A.R., Anderson Battery Daughters of Veterans, all uniformed, making a picturesque display on parade in their varied dress. Survivors of the old 62d N. Y. are urged to make their residence known to Chas. E. Morse, President. Headquarters, 394 Sixth Ave., New York City .- G. R. HENDRICKSON.

THE CIVIL SERVICE SHAM. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have taken

your paper for over 20 years. It is getting more interesting each year. I was particularly struck with the manly and plain open letter signed L., of Washington, D. C., to Prestdent McKinley, relating to the injustice of ex-President Cleveland's order reorganizing all Examining Boards and Special Examiners on a seeming party line and then placing them under Civil Service. Also the resolutions of Steedman Post, 399, of Cleveland, O. These two articles voice the mind of all exsoldiers in our locality, and all insist that the order should be rescinded; that the Republican party cannot fulfill its pledges to the soldiers during the last campaign and have the Departments controlled by those

Finley Patch Post, of Blairsville, Pa., has passed resolutions denouncing the action of President Cleveland in perverting the Civil Service system, and particularly in regard to the Boards of Examining Surgeons. Comrades throughout the country are urged to join in the denunciation and the Senators and Representatives from Pennsylvania to remedy the matter by appropriate legislation.

. "Children Teething." Mgs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, aliays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhosa. Twenty-five cents a bottle,

COURTSHIP. Gleanings from National Headquar-

ters--- Notes from Departments.

doings of Massachusetts Relief Corps have been a birthday party by C. F. Fletcher Corps, a Pussy Willow supper by Hopkinton Corps, and a joint birthday celebration by Gen. Lander Post and Corps, Lynn, Mass.

Department President Waterman was the special curst at a birthday celebration of the Corps.

special guest at a birthday party of the Swampscott Corps. She was present by invitation at the memorial service of the Boston Fusiliers. A thousand dollars was realized by Hart-suff Corps, Rockland, through a four days' fair, held for the benefit of a Grand Army Hall

At the centennial celebration of the inaugu-

building fund.

ration of John Adams as President, held in the Old South Meeting House, Boston, Gov. Wolcott presiding, the Relief Corps of Massachusetts was represented by Department President Waterman and several officers of her staff. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," was publicly presented, and urged the children to the purest patriotism, concluding with a reminiscence of her early childhood when she had seen John Adams at his home in Quincy, Mass. The Lynn celebration was the 30th anniversary of Lander Post and the 13th of Lander Corps. Ass't Adj't-Gen. Hubert O. Moore presided, and Past Commander-in-Chief J. G. B. Adams, who is a member of the Post, gave a ringing eulogy on the Grand Army, its patriotism and comradeship. Department President Waterman represented the Relief Corps of Massachusetts, and Mayor Whipple, introduced as the youngest Mayor in the country, extended the patriotic greetings of the city. -Sarah E. Cain Department Correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA. The Department of Minnesota has a membership of 3.688, according to the latest official returns. The past year \$1,149.32 was turned over to the Posts in addition to the regular work of relief, which was well kept up. Dudley P. Chase Corps has revived the oldfashioned calico ball with great success. Levi Butler Corps entertained the Federation of Corps early this month.

The new Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Agnes Whitney Savage, is a member of the Corps at Osseo, but a resident of Minneapolis. She is a Past Corps President and President of the Loyal Home Workers Club of Minneapolis, a society which has in the three months of its existence sent out two flags through the L. H. W., one to a schoolhouse in Virginia and another to a schoolhouse in the mountains in Colorado.

The "Deestrick Skule" will be given in April under the auspices of George N. Morgan Corps, which is always on the outlook for Commander C. P. Silloway read an interest-

ing paper on the Vermont Brigade, at a recent meeting of L. P. Plummer Corps, under the head of "Good of the Order." Minnesota W.R.C. expects to add a new Corps to the roster, auxiliary to A. R. Harrison Post, of Minnesota Lake. An application signed by 20 loyal women has reached Headquarters.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

Department Correspondent Emma B. Alrich wri es that Kansas bowed her head in sorrow when she learned of the death of Capt. Lemon, always in sympathy with her, and again lifts it with hope to greet Col, McElroy, who will keep THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE "in 8, Cawker City, the first in Kansas to send a contribution to the Andersonville Prison Improvement fund,

Corps 9, Lawrence, was the first in Kansas to place a flag over their schoolhouse, with the promise of replacing it whenever necessary. The old flag having succumbed to the winds and storms, it has been replaced by another, and the High School, in their official organ, are

Corps 10, Clay Center, continue to impress the importance of patriotic teaching upon their school board, and propose to keep it up until favorable action is taken in the schools. Corps 52, Beloit, which entertained Convention so handsomely last year, have had a notable Winter of relief.

Department President Alrich, who, in her annual address, recommended the W.R.C. to take action towards improving the G.A.R. Reunion grounds at Eilsworth, so as to utilize it as a home for soldiers' wives and widows, is much gratified over the work of her sucwho, by her indefatigable labors, has secured the legislative appropriation, and says that at Department Convention next month preparations will be made to receive the persons named. She gives the following sentiment to

"The W.R.C. die? Never! So long as our flag floats over the American Republic, they and their children will continue the work of

Department President Chase passed a busy Fall and Winter. When in Atchison, John A. Martin Corps gave a reception in honor of her-Nebraska, and the following night both

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT. Department Correspondent Hattie B. Richardson reports that every school in Putney has been presented a Patriotic Primer, an Indepence Chart and a flag for the schoolroom by Col. W. H. Greenwood Corps, 655. The pupils of all the schools save one have purchased flags for the outside of their buildings.

A pleasant exchange of visits has been going on between Greenwood Corps and Sedgwick Corps, of Brattleboro. Roberts Corps, Rutland, has presented Past President C. E. Nourse a dozen silver teaspoons and a rocking-chair. This Corps has lost Mrs. Josephine Bennett, a faithful member, by death.

U. S. Grant Post and Corps, Randolph, hold monthly socials. The Corps made a specialty of Washington's Birthday. Though only 15 months old, the Corps at Castleton is doing well. They would like information as to what other Corps are doing in the way of entertainments, and hope some of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE readers will write them. Address Corps Correspondent, Castleton, Vt. Howard Corps, 24, Lunenburg, are enjoying the luxury of a new carpet in Grand Army Hall. They recently entertained the Post and other guests at a musical and literary social. their 10th anniversary. They began with 10 charter members, and have lost seven members | House, an honor most worthily bestowed, as by death. The last was Electra Porter, being Mrs. Putnam is a representative W.R.C. woman greatly missed.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. President Marie LaMoreaux has entered energetically upon her work as chief executive officer of John A. Dix Corps, Dallas, Tex. Her first enterprise was a dime social for the benefit of the relief fund.

Department Correspondent Louise Cluskey, of Texas, writes that much interest is being taken in the approaching W.R.C. Convention to be held at Houston. There are several candidates in the field for Department President. The South Dakota roster is a neat quarto numbering 63 Corps; Adelia Hale Connor, President. The cover is illuminated by crossed flags in the National colors. Past Commander Henry Nye, of Francis

Clay Post, gave a reception to the Grand Army, Relief Corps, and Sons of Veterans-a red-letter evening in soldier work; Amelia G. Manor, Corps President. The Relief Corps of Roseville, O., held a birthday party to assist in paying off a debt of \$50 on a soldiers' monument erected at that place.

The 14th annual Convention, Department of Michigan, will be held at Greenville the second week in April. The letter-head of the Michigan stationery-Amanda J. Halstead, Depart-

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Comrade John W. Burkhill reports that J. B. McPherson Post, 2, Bismarck, N. D., has now large number of veterans and their friends were present at the installation of officers. The two Posts and Corps of Buffalo, N. Y., Chapin and Richardson, gave a reception to D. Battery Corps, West Burke, have passed Past Department President Ellen M. Putnam their 10th anniversary. They began with 16 on the evening of March 30 at the Chapter among the pioneer workers of the Empire

> The 13th annual Convention, Department of California, will be held at Salinas the third week in April. A Committee on Legislation is announced, of which Past National President Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne is Chairman. Department President Elizabeth J. Holmes. of Maryland, is now in command of the Department, with Headquarters at Grand Army Hall, East Baltimore street, Bultimore.

> Getting Up in a Cold Room to make a fire is like getting up in life. If you crawl timidly out of bed, go on tip-toe to the stove, and allow the shivers to get control of you before the kindling starts, your fire will probably be a failure and you will half freeze to death in the operation. But if you jump up bravely, bustle around, pull on your clothes, knock over a chair or two, and pitch in the stove wood, you will probably be too warm before the fire gets to burning, and have to open the window. So in life. Attack it timidly and you will fail. Grapple with it, hurry up things, stir around, conquer fortune, and you will be a success. But to this is attached one ever-prevailing condition-you must be well. You must have a sound body. If you are sick or ailing, the first step, the first thought must be-to set the system right. The impoverished blood must be nourished and its sluggish circulation quickened. For this purpose we know of no remedy which has met with more success than Dr. PETER'S BLOOD VITALIZER. A little paper, "The Surprise," tells all about it. Sent free to any address. Send a postal card to Dr. P. Fahrney, 112-114 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago,

What is Being Done by the Veterans

Another Change Suggested.

for the Good of the Order.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I read with much interest the communication of Commander, Seward Post, 37, Auburn, N. Y. And, an auxiliary; Mrs. J. A. Field, President. A | while such a proposition as the running of a G.A.R. Post without some established rate of dues seems, at first, very much like an attempt of a man to pitch himself over a tenrail fence by the use of his own boot-straps, or keeping a horse fat on shoe-pegs by the proper adjustment of a pair of green goggles, yet, the comrade says that Post 37 has made the change, and not only come off victorious, but has even waxed fat and prospered in all points for the good of the Order, though of course having had to be careful about indulging too freely in champagne and quail on toast during the banquet season. The comrade's word goes, and I doubt not that ere long other Posts which are troubled as 37 was will try the same

> While I am at it I wish to set up another target for the boys to take a shot at. All over the United States are scattered many of the old vets who are away from their original Posts, and have been for years, and are in arrears. They, no doubt, started away with the intention of keeping up a good, clean Post record, but are left financially ruined by the hard times. As the case now stands they are, if the Posts demand it, obliged to pay one year's dues, whatever they may be, to get an

> honorable discharge. Why not ask at the National Encampment at Buffalo this year that this matter be taken up, and the rules so amended that an old comrade can get a discharge "without money and without price"-merely for the asking. Many an old comrade can be called back in this way and no other. Fire away, boys; the target's up.—Adjutant of John Buford Post, 89,

Everett, Wash. Fear Soldier-haters. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In reply Comrade Stevens I will say that I know of comrades who have records and still fear to join our Posts because of sneers and ridicule of soldier-haters. It takes one kind of courage to face the enemy's guns and another to with-

I also know comrades who have gone through

stand the taunts of individuals.

all of the dangers and hardships of the rebellion and in after life have came under the in-fluence of the Gospel, but their courage soon failed them, and they returned to their former habits of life when the finger of scorn was pointed at them.

Let us not judge harshly of them on that account, but those who will and can do so must and should keep up our Posts as long as such a thing is possible. We have with the utmost exertion kept up our Post, and although our number is small we are flourishing .- F. APPEN-ZELLER, LeRaysville N. Y.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The 18th annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana will convene at Phillips's Opera House, Richmond, May 12. Com-mander-in-Chief Clarkson and staff will be present. Comrades R. M. Smock, Assistant Adjutant-General; Elmer Crockett, Senior Vice Department Commander; John E. Harrison, Junior Vice Department Commander; C. J. McCole, Department Inspector; John A. At-kins, Color-bearer, and R. S. Robertson and C. B. Brodrick, members of the Council of Administration, have been appointed Committee ou Credentials. This committee will meet at 4 o'clock, May 11, at the Hotel Wescott. The annual parade will take place on Wednesday, May 12, 1897, at 1:30 o'clock, and will be in charge of Comrade W. W. Alexander, Chairman

of Committee on Parade and Review. Department Commander Caylor urges that the Sons of Veterans and W.R.C. assist the G.A.R. in the observance of Memorial Day, NEW YORK .-

P. J. O'Connor, who has so ably filled the position of Assistant Adjutant-General of this Department, having resigned to accept the place of Quartermaster of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath, W. H. Boughton, Past Commander of Wm. B. Tibbits Post, 141, of Troy, has been appointed in his stead.

The 31st annual Encampment will be held at Rochester, May 18, 19, and 20. The Council of Administration meets the evening of May

WISCONSIN .-The 31st annual Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin will be held at Eau Clairs, Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20. The following comrades are the Committee .ma Entertainment: A. W. Munger, T. J. Hil, E. W. Allen, C. H. Henry, and S. C. Church. Letters addressed to either of the above at Eau Claire, Wis., will receive prompt replies.